



UNSW SUPPORT FOR PREPARING NHMRC APPLICATIONS

Never Stand Still

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Enhance UNSW's research performance



Identify opportunities for research funding



Strategically review the outcomes of major grant schemes and apply that intelligence to current and future rounds



Advise and assist with the development of high quality, competitive research grant applications



Assist with the development and management of strategic partnerships for collaborative research funding

UNSW
Grants
Management
Office
(GMO)



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EVERYTHING ELSE



Seminars

1-on-1 meetings

Workshops

Reviews

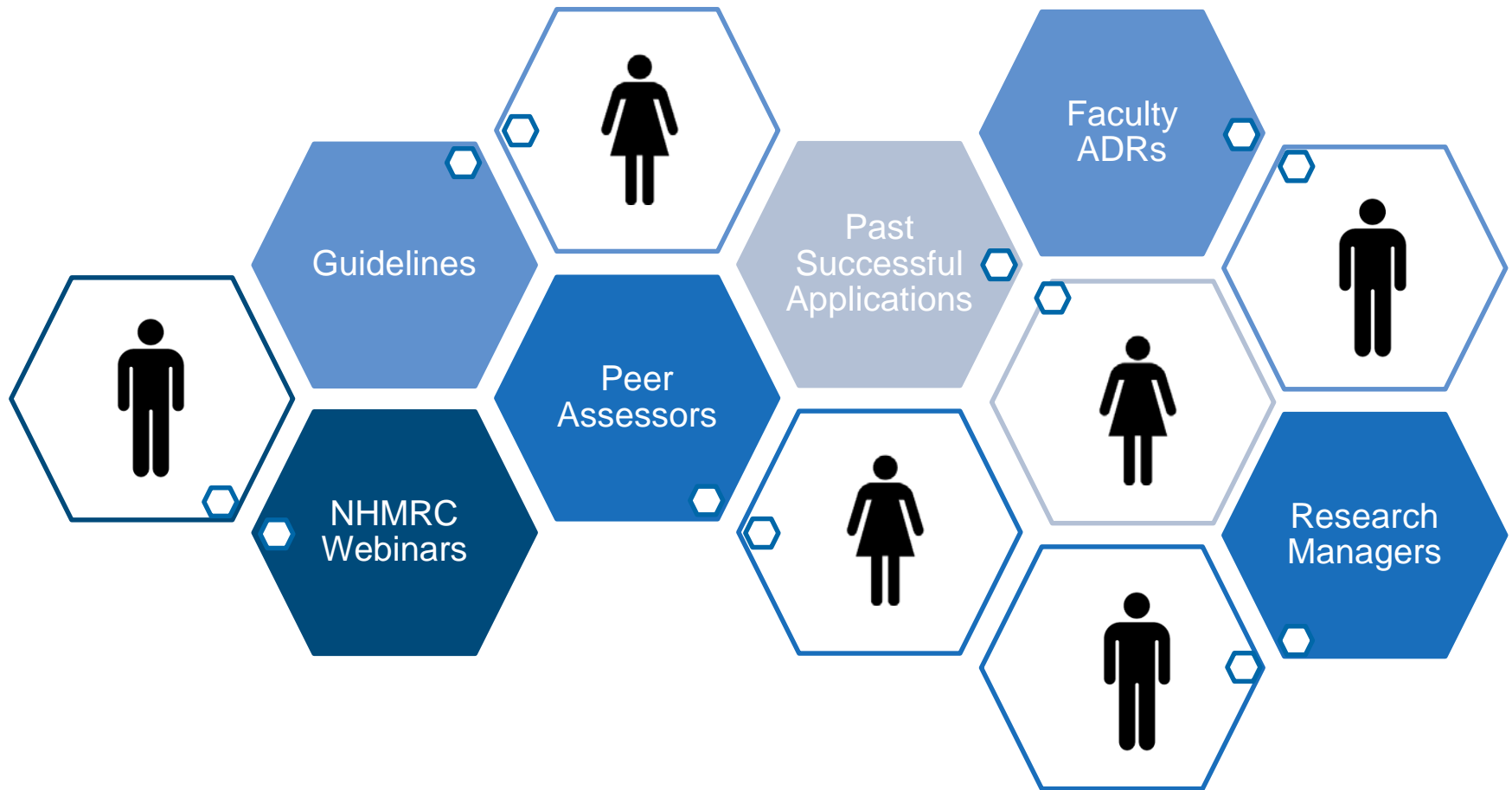
Partner meetings

Advice sheets

The NHMRC 2019 Challenge!

GRANT TYPE	INVESTIGATOR GRANTS	SYNERGY GRANTS	IDEAS GRANTS	STRATEGIC & LEVERAGING
Duration	5 years	5 years	Up to 5 years	Varies with scheme
Number of Chief Investigators	1	4 – 10	1 – 10	Varies with scheme
Funding	Salary (optional) + Research Support Package	Grant of a fixed budget	Based on the requested budget for research support	Varies with scheme

It's all about the intel...



You don't know what you don't know

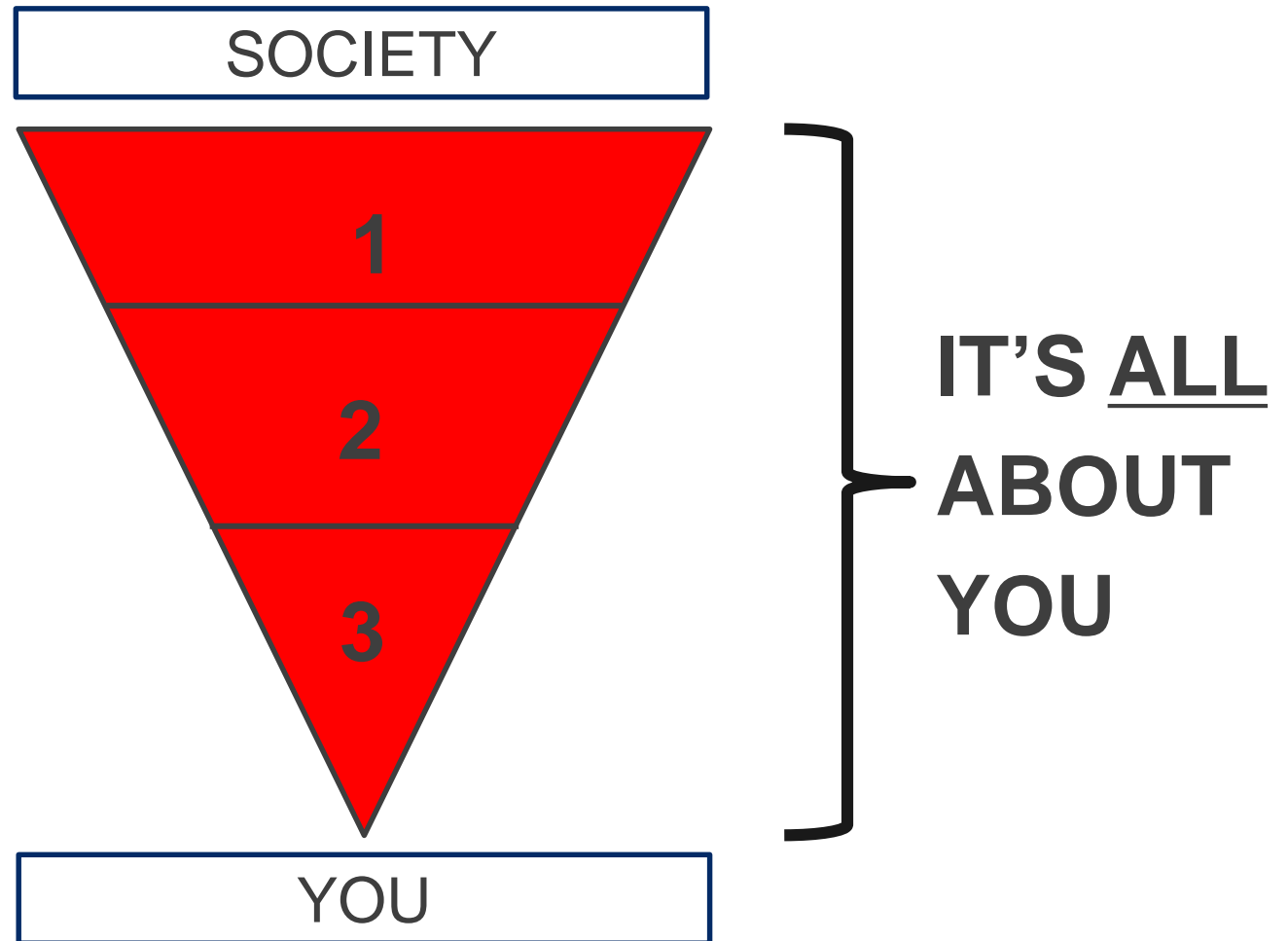


1. Investigator Grants – Impact

2. Synergy Grants – Synergy

3. Ideas Grants – Innovation and Creativity

Investigator Grants - Impact



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DESCRIBE and **DEFEND**

Knowledge impact is easiest to defend

1 or 2 impact categories is optimal

Ensure every character works for you

Ensure evidence is verifiable

Demonstrate leadership, reiterate career stage

Synergy Grants - Synergy



**COLLABORATIVE
ADVANTAGE**

Synergy Grants - Synergy

- Avoid duplication between sections, use the space efficiently
 - Diversity – who is in my team and what will they bring to the project?
 - Multidisciplinarity – what disciplines are represented in my team and why is the whole greater than the sum of the parts?
 - Collaborative Gain – how will I manage this team to ensure that this potential is realised, and sustainable?

- Include evidence of track record as required

- Link continuously back to the research proposal, and ensure consistency throughout

Synergy Grants - Synergy

Informative quotes

We have an all female research team, so that will cover off “diversity”.

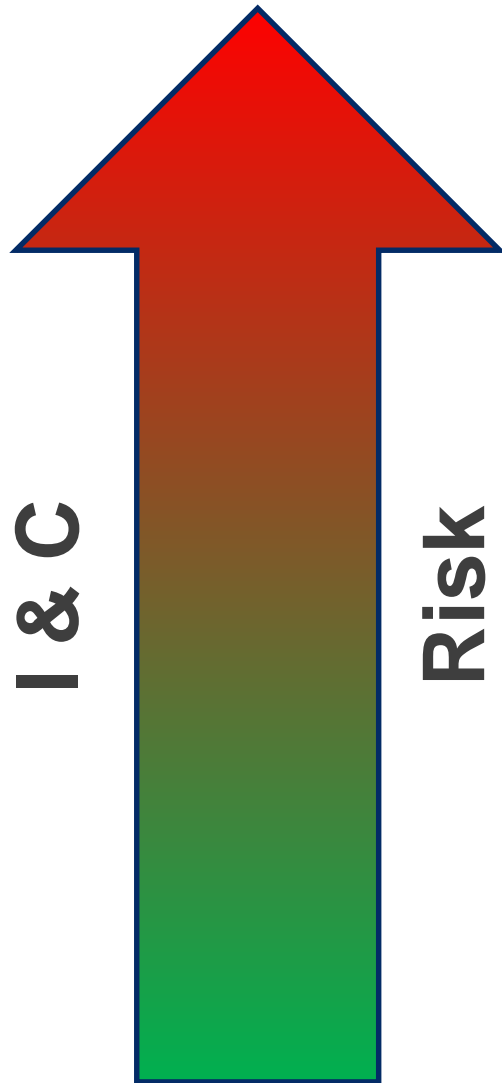
I have 5 different types of immunologist, which make us extremely multidisciplinary.

We had an exceptional multidisciplinary team but scored low for Synergy. The assessors clearly didn’t understand the Synergy criteria.

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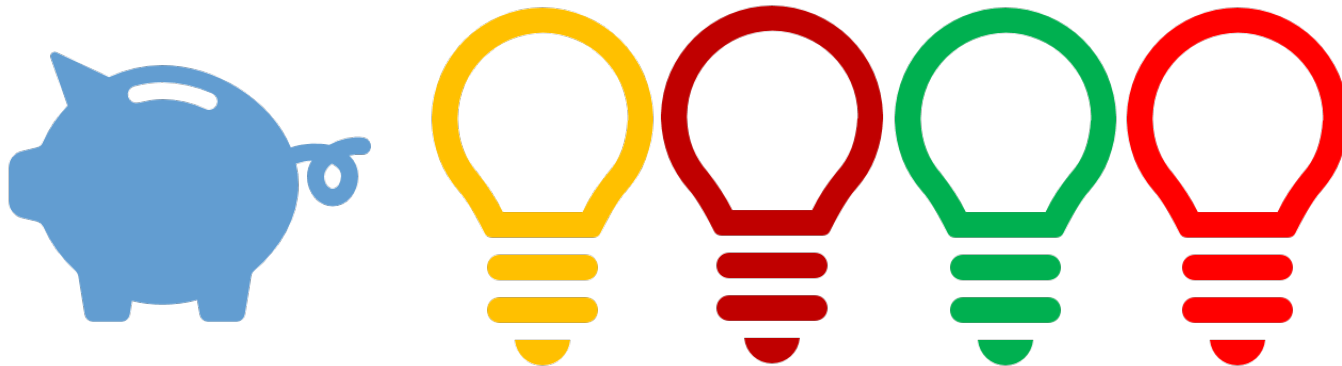
Sweet spot that depends on:


- Area of need
- Career stage of CIA
- Risk mitigation strategy

Some of our key messages



To diversify funding, it is sometimes
necessary to diversify research



Repurpose  Reformat



Eligible vs Competitive



There are always exceptions to the rule, but you shouldn't bet on being one.



QUESTIONS?

